

checks in people's hands, the people who are struggling to keep body and soul together, to make ends meet, the people who really need this money.

No American economist of repute disagrees that this kind of relief is necessary. Now is the time for us to do it. Let's come together and enact the American Rescue Plan.

#### REVERSAL OF OPERATION TALON

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, ever since President Biden has taken office, he has been laser-focused on overturning every great initiative from the previous administration, regardless of how good it was for the American people.

Today, I want to shed light on President Biden's tragic reversal of Operation Talon. Operation Talon was a program run by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to capture illegal alien sex offenders in America and deport them.

Sex offenders commit some of the most unspeakable and despicable crimes imaginable. We monitor where they are in the United States when those individuals are here legally. Now we have no idea where they are when they are here illegally.

Biden's misguided reversal threatens the physical and mental health of American children and their families.

Even setting aside the debate about illegal immigration, we should all be able to agree that sex offenders who are in this country illegally should be deported.

Of all things that are common sense and bipartisan, we should agree that sex offenders are criminals and are a risk to our citizens. To not deport these individuals just because the present administration wants to erase the last administration is unconscionable.

I strongly urge President Biden's reversal of Operation Talon and urge him to reinstate it immediately.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF VALERIE WARD

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a community leader, a constituent, and a friend, Ms. Valerie Ward, who passed away January 6, at the age of 80.

Ms. Ward devoted her life in service to others, as president of the Willow Grove branch of the NAACP, and as an Abington PAL board member.

Val had the heart of a teacher, spending her time mentoring younger generations well into her own retirement. Clipboard in hand, Val could be found most weekends spearheading community events, always leading by example.

Val was a woman of great faith, leading several ministries at her beloved New Bethel AME. As a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, she was proud to share her sisterhood with Vice President KAMALA HARRIS.

She was known for her direct, no nonsense approach and her dry sense of humor, warm smile, and infectious laugh.

I join Ms. Val's family, friends, and the wider Abington community in mourning the loss of an incredible woman. The world is a better place for her life.

#### PELOSI-SCHUMER PARTISAN PAYOFF TO PROGRESSIVES ACT

(Mr. CARL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my opposition to the reckless spending plan being pushed through this Congress. This so-called COVID relief bill is nothing more than a liberal wish list of special-interest pork completely unrelated to COVID relief.

With more than \$1 trillion of previous COVID relief funds remaining unspent, it would be irresponsible to rush through a massive, partisan spending bill that does nothing to help the American workers or get our kids physically back into school. Our priorities should be reopening our economy, getting students physically back in school, and spending more for our vaccine distribution.

COVID relief should be temporary, targeted and tied to COVID. But this plan does nothing of the sort.

#### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the \$1.9 trillion spending boondoggle that is going to be on the House floor this week.

While there are many irresponsible and careless facets of this bill worth noting, the elimination of alternative wage programs for workers with disabilities is one of the most devastating aspects of this bill, impacting over 5,800 Missourians and thousands more across our Nation.

In fact, this provision will likely cause the end of these programs. By doing that, it will strip many individuals of their voice, workplace family, independence, and sense of community.

That is why I am offering an amendment to protect the choices and voices of the Missourians next to me. They deserve a government that supports their efforts, not one that runs them out of business.

With only 35 percent of individuals with disabilities employed in the competitive market, it is our duty to look for ways to expand employment opportunities for them, not diminish them. I

urge my colleagues to support this amendment and, if it does not pass, please oppose this bill.

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#### RECOGNIZING SAKA NANKANA SAHIB

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today as the co-chair of the American Sikh Congressional Caucus to recognize and create national awareness about the Saka Nankana Sahib massacre.

The Sikh community across the world is observing 100 years of this horrific event. The massacre refers to the grim episode during the Gurdwara Reform Movement in which a peaceful batch of reformist Sikhs was subjected to a murderous assault on February 20, 1921, in the holy Gurdwara at Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of the founder of the Sikh religion, Guru Nanak.

More than 260 Sikhs were killed, including children as young as 7. Sikhs pay tribute to all those martyred on this day. Their valor and sacrifice will never be forgotten. Their memory inspires us to work even harder to voice for religious freedom and the right of worship.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL FFA WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National FFA Week.

FFA is a national leader in agricultural education, inspiring our Nation's young people to pursue careers that help support a robust rural economy.

Agriculture is rooted in American heritage, and our Nation's producers provide the food, the fiber, and the energy that we all depend on.

Agriculture is science. It is technology. It is innovation. And the young men and women of the FFA are helping to shape the industry's future.

Every time I see a distinctive blue FFA jacket, I am reminded of the strong character and impressive leadership abilities that come along with it. FFA leaders have gone on to become Ivy League graduates, Federal court judges, innovative farmers, famous performance artists, and even U.S. Presidents.

This week, we celebrate the important success of FFA, and we look forward to what FFA leaders have in store for the future of rural America.

#### HONORING KATHIE GREEN ON HER RETIREMENT

(Mr. BANKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kathie Green, a member of my staff and a trailblazer in the field of constituent services.

Kathie will be retiring next week after 13 years of service to northeast Indiana and the congressional office of the Third District. She was originally hired by former Congressman Mark Souder. She worked for former Congressman Marlin Stutzman and has worked for me for my entire time in Congress as well.

More than anything, Kathie has an uncommon passion for helping others in need, and that passion was perhaps most evident during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus last year. She made hundreds of phone calls every week to help those who needed it most during a very difficult time, and that is what she did for 13 years.

Today, I want to pay tribute to her for her distinguished career in service to our district. Thank you, Kathie Green.

#### BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank President Joe Biden, the first President I have ever noted that asked for a review of America's supply chain for manufactured goods. It grew out of his interest in the pandemic and the fact we couldn't supply our ventilators, our face masks, our gloves, all the protective equipment for our healthcare workers.

He is on the right track because all of that has been outsourced. I think one of the reasons we can't get vaccines at the level we need is because the ingredients have been outsourced. America needs to bring back industry here.

Today's New York Times has a story, "In China, an Electric Car Maker Loses Money but Thinks Big," and I commend this story to the Biden administration and everyone who is listening.

We have to have a fair playing field globally in order to maintain manufacturing in this country because places like China play under the table. They have vehicles that lose money in the marketplace, but it is a state-run economy, and they will subsidize what they have to in order to win that market share.

Congratulations, President Biden, you are on the right track.

#### NOT TARGETED COVID RELIEF

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to a massive spending bill filled with payoffs to progressives.

We should be focused on defeating COVID, getting Americans back to work, and helping small business re-

cover. Instead, House Democrats are tossing bipartisanship aside to ram through a one-sided \$1.9 trillion bill.

We need a full accounting of the \$1 trillion in existing COVID relief that hasn't even been spent before asking taxpayers to foot the bill for trillions more.

And this isn't even emergency relief. Less than 10 percent is for actually fighting COVID. The rest will only make it harder for small business to recover, hire workers, and rebuild our economy.

On top of that, it is a massive bailout for fiscally irresponsible cities and States. Put simply, Hoosiers should not have to pay for the bad decisions of progressives in California.

This is not the unity President Biden called for. It is not the bipartisanship Americans expect. It is certainly not the targeted COVID relief our country needs.

#### AMERICA'S GREAT TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, we had a Judiciary Committee meeting on the rise of white nationalism and the concerns it should pose to our country.

It was a pertinent meeting, and I was shocked to hear some of the remarks of my colleagues on the Republican side who still have not accepted the fact that what happened on January 6 was an attack on our Constitution that they take an oath to and an attack on our country. They seem to think it was just a demonstration, a small, polite demonstration of 200 people; that it was, some said, people other than Trump people posing as Trump people.

Those were Trump people. They wore Trump hats. They had Trump flags. They hollered "Trump." They were there to stop the steal for Trump.

America faced a great traumatic experience, as I did being in this Chamber on January 6, and I ask my Republican colleagues to accept it, accept the fact that it was a big lie, and Joe Biden is the properly, lawfully elected President of the United States.

#### ANOTHER MASSIVE WASTE OF MONEY

(Mr. FALLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, the COVID relief bill, which Democrats want to pass and spend \$1.9 trillion, is not about COVID or relief. Sadly, it is just another massive waste of taxpayer dollars.

Here is the proof: 91 percent of this money doesn't even go to fighting COVID, and the bill isn't bipartisan. There were 229 amendments by Republicans, 99 percent of which were rejected.

This so-called American Rescue Plan includes \$750 million for global health activities outside our country. It also includes \$135 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, \$135 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, \$50 million for an increase in Planned Parenthood, \$60 billion for union pension bailout, and a \$350 billion bailout for mismanaged Democratic-controlled States that have run out of money and people to tax.

This \$1.9 trillion proposal, which incidentally is \$1,900,000 millions, is a colossal waste of money. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "no."

#### REPUBLICANS DO NOT CONDONE CAPITOL ATTACK

(Mrs. GREENE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to point out to my Democrat colleagues that there is no Republican Member of Congress that condones the attack on the Capitol on January 6.

I was also a victim in this Chamber when it happened, and we are very offended at your constant attacks on us for claiming we had anything to do with it. So that needs to stop.

#### EQUALITY ACT CAUSES DISCRIMINATION

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. I would also like to address the entire 117th Congress and say that the Equality Act is not about stopping discrimination. It is about causing discrimination against women and religious freedoms.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. GREENE).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 199, nays 219, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 38]

YEAS—199

Aderholt	Biggs	Cawthorn
Allen	Bilirakis	Chabot
Amodei	Bishop (NC)	Cheney
Armstrong	Bost	Cline
Arrington	Brooks	Cloud
Babin	Buchanan	Clyde
Bacon	Bucshon	Cole
Baird	Budd	Comer
Balderson	Burchett	Crawford
Banks	Burgess	Crenshaw
Barr	Cammack	Curtis
Bentz	Carl	Davidson
Bergman	Carter (GA)	Davis, Rodney
Bice (OK)	Carter (TX)	DesJarlais